

**CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM**  
**At-Risk Afterschool Meal Component**  
**INFORMATION SHEET**

**What is the At-Risk Afterschool Meal Component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program?**

The at-risk afterschool meal component of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) offers Federal funding to afterschool programs that serve a meal and/or snack to children in low-income areas. The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-296) expanded the availability for at-risk afterschool meals to all States.

USDA regulations define an afterschool program as one that provides nonresidential care to children afterschool through an approved afterschool program located in an eligible area. However, an emergency shelter may participate as an afterschool program without regard to its location.

Organizations currently operating the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) are encouraged to participate in the at-risk afterschool meals component of the CACFP. Participation in both the SFSP and the at-risk afterschool component are encouraged to benefit both the organization and communities by providing year round services to children.

**Who Benefits?**

- School age children are eligible to participate through age 18. Teenagers who are 18 at the start of the school year are eligible until the end of that school year.
- Reimbursement may be claimed for individuals regardless of age who meet the definition of “Persons with disabilities.” Agencies must contact the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for additional guidance regarding complying with the requirements for “Persons with disabilities”.
- Meals and/or snacks served to children who are part of school sports teams and clubs which are part of a broad, overarching educational or enrichment program offered by a school are eligible for reimbursement, but the program cannot be limited to a sports team.
- Children who do not participate in the offered educational or enrichment activities by the site but who attend the site and are served meals and/or snacks can be claimed for reimbursement.

**Which sites can participate in the At-Risk Afterschool Meal component?**

The organization must operate an afterschool program which:

- Provides programs during after school hours, on weekends, holidays, and school vacations (e.g. spring break) during the **regular** school year, in an organized, structured, and supervised environment (afterschool meals and snacks can be served year-round through the CACFP if an at-risk site is located in the attendance area of a school operating on a year-round schedule);
- Provides educational or enrichment activities including programs focusing on homework, tutoring, supervised athletic activities, drama, and chess;
- Is located in a geographic area served by a school in which 50 percent or more of the enrolled children are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals; and
- Is open to all children and does not limit enrollment or membership on the basis of a child’s ability.
  - At-risk afterschool programs that are designed to meet the special needs of enrolled children, or programs with other limiting factors may be eligible to participate. Contact the DPI for more information.

At-risk afterschool programs may be operated by public, private nonprofit (Federal tax-exempt), and for-profit organizations that operate an eligible afterschool program and meet other applicable CACFP requirements.

## Is Your Site Eligible?

- To be eligible, a site must be located in the attendance area of an elementary, middle, or high school in which at least 50 percent of the enrolled children are certified eligible for free or reduced-price school meals, based on the preceding **September** data or a more recent month in the school year. Once established, this eligibility remains in effect for five years.
- A site does not have to offer formal child care, and there is no Federal requirement for licensing, however there may be State of Wisconsin licensing requirements. To find out if your site requires a license you will need to contact the Department of Children and Families. To assist you with this, you can use the *Group Child Care License Exemption Form* (PI-6016) (<http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/fns/doc/f6016.doc>) and follow the instructions provided. Sites that are not licensed must meet State or local health and safety standards, with the exception of school sites participating in the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program. Required documentation consists of: (1) a copy of the current occupancy permit; (2) a copy of the current fire inspection report and length of validity; (3) a copy of the most recent health department inspection report, or certification that there are no applicable local health standards.

## Meal Service

- All participating sites must serve meals and snacks that meet the CACFP meal pattern requirements as defined in Program regulations ([http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/fns/pdf/gm\\_12c\\_meal.pdf](http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/fns/pdf/gm_12c_meal.pdf)).
- Sites may claim for up to one snack and one meal per child per day for reimbursement. Only a supper and/or a snack may be claimed for reimbursement on regular school days. Any one meal (breakfast, lunch, or supper) and/or a snack may be claimed during school year weekends, holidays, and school vacations (e.g. spring break).
- Sites cannot receive meal reimbursement for adults.
- Sites must maintain a nonprofit food service.

## Reimbursement

Program payments to participating sites are limited to the number of meals and snacks served to eligible children multiplied by the free rate of reimbursement.

**The free rates of reimbursement effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 are:**

Breakfast	\$1.62
Lunch/ Supper*	\$2.98
Snack (Supplement)	\$0.82

*\* Cash-in-Lieu of USDA Foods - A cash reimbursement of \$0.2475 for each lunch or supper served will be paid this fiscal year.*

## Administering Agency

In Wisconsin, the CACFP At-Risk Afterschool Meals component is administered by the DPI. For additional information call (608) 267-9129, visit our website at [http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/fns\\_atriskemergency](http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/fns_atriskemergency), or write to:

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